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# Queen Anne Cobblestone

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## Nearby History

### Historical Society Sponsors a

The Queen Anne Historical Society is excited to help bring to our members a new and innovative program to learn about doing history yourself. The program will run from Jan. 20 to Apr. 27. The following explanation of Nearby History is excerpted from materials put out by the Museum of History and Industry, the developers of the program.

### Nearby History!

Are you interested in learning about your family? Your house? The business on the corner? Your roots in Poughkeepsie -- or in Africa, Scotland or the Philippines? How about your neighborhood? Your Studebaker?

If you answered, “yes”, then Nearby History is for you.

Bring your own history interest or research project to Nearby History! Share the work and the fun with a group of Nearby Historians. Starting Thursday, January 20, 2000, the Museum of History and Industry will offer Nearby History at 7 pm at the Queen Anne Public Library on an every-other-Thursday night schedule. The program is free and open to everyone, at the Queen Anne Branch – Seattle Public Library, 400 West Garfield Street, Seattle 206/386-4227.

Nearby History offers history research skills and resources to Seattle and King County people who are

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## Explore the shape of the future at the next Historical Society Meeting:

### *Discover the HistoryLink*

**Wed. Jan. 19, 7:30 pm**

The 21st Century will surely be known as the wired century. In addition to its use for buying books or airline tickets, the internet is even more valuable as an information resource. Historical data and all kinds of heritage images and information are available to anyone, anywhere in the world, as long as they have internet access.

Here in the Seattle area we are privileged to have a premier historical website known as *HistoryLink* ([www.historylink.org](http://www.historylink.org)). HistoryLink offers a growing collection of biographies, narratives, profiles, images, facts and chronologies relating to Seattle and King County's history

### Join your friends and neighbors at our next public meeting to hear Alan Stein demonstrate the *HistoryLink*

**Wed., Jan. 19, 7:30 pm**

**McClure Middle School Library  
First West and West Crockett**

Alan Stein is the Staff Historian of HistoryLink and one of the drivers behind its creation. He will describe its origins, its content and demonstrate how it can be used by local historians, educators and simply the curious. If you want to see the shape of the future, join us for this first program of the new year.

This free, public meeting begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School Library at 1915 1st Ave. W. on Queen Anne. For more information, contact John Hennes at 284-2266.

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## MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Your membership renewal status is shown on the mailing label. A 2000 after your name means you are renewed through May, 2000. A 1999 means you are long overdue for renewal. Please use the coupon on p. 3 to renew. For more information, contact our Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at 284-8369. We encourage your renewals at any time. The heritage movement needs your

## CALENDAR OF

### Wed. Jan. 19th

*Program:* Alan Stein, Staff Historian of *HistoryLink*, the new Internet local history site. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (See story, p. 1.)

### Thur. Jan. 20th

*Nearby History:* The opening night of this unique opportunity to learn how to explore your own historical interests begins at 7:00 pm at the Queen Anne Library at 4th W and W Garfield. Free. (See story, p. 1.)

### Thur. Feb. 3rd

*Nearby History:* The second night of the Nearby History program. Subject: Local Resources. 7:00 pm at the Queen Anne Library at 4th W and W Garfield. Free. (See story, p. 1, for full schedule.)

### Wed. Feb. 9th

*Board Meeting:* Monthly meeting of the Queen Anne Historical Society Board. Find out the backstory on current issues and projects. Call John Hennes at 284-2266 if you wish to attend.

### Wed. Mar. 15th

*Program:* The second program for 2000 has not been finalized. Possibly it will deal with Scouting on Queen Anne. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

### Tue. Mar. 28th

*AKCHO Program:* Keep this date for a rare meeting on Queen Anne of the Association of King County Historical Organizations. Subject: Seattle's Sesquicentennial. 9:30 am.

### Sat. Apr. 15th

*Walking Tour:* Keep this date for the first walking tour of the year. Tour description is not yet available. Time 10:00 am.

### Wed. May 17th

*Annual Meeting:* Subject not yet available. Election of Board Members. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm.

### Own a piece of history!

#### Queen Anne: Community on the Hill

*published by the  
Queen Anne Historical Society*  
230 pgs. stories, maps & photos

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Queen Anne Historical Society was formed to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

## SOCIETY NEWS

### New Members Welcomed

We want to thank and welcome our recent new members for their heritage commitment. We hope you will join us in some of our activities:

Heidi Biggs  
Marjorie Butler  
Gordon B. Leighton

And, of course, we always treasure the continuing support of our renewing members!

### Crown of Lights Contest

The annual holiday lighting contest sponsored by the QAHS was held on Wed., Dec. 22. Chaired by Ron Mason, with Del Loder again providing the van transportation, the judges toured the hill and settled on the following winners: On-the-Boulevard—1222 8th Ave. W. and Off-the-Boulevard—2309 Nob Hill Ave. N.

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interested in learning about their personal collection, their family, their home and neighborhood, or their organization. The program is intended for everyone, from beginner to experienced.

Nearby History is offered by the Museum of History and Industry with the support of the Seattle Public Library. Lorraine McConaghy, Museum historian, is the director of the program. Your Queen Anne Historical Society is one of the major community sponsors. Call Lorraine McConaghy at 206-324-1685, Ext. 23, for additional program details. Good history isn't a chronology, a series of battles, or a set of facts to be memorized. Good history isn't even just a well-told story -- good history happens when people become engaged in doing history from scratch.

Starting with personal history, Nearby History approaches great issues through the experiences of ordinary people -- an enormously powerful point of entry. It will always be more compelling to approach racism, for example, through one's own family experience in one's own city than through someone else's experience in a distant place.

Nearby History starts where we are, to explore and interpret our own pasts, to understand our present, and -- perhaps -- to plan our future. Good history begins with the specific and moves to the general, encouraging personal and community fulfillment, informed civic discourse, and thoughtful urban planning.

Nearby History offers the tools of history, discovery, evaluation and interpretation to anyone who wants to use them. Together, we'll learn about nearby resources to research your house, neighborhood, and family, ways to identify and care for your personal collections, how to use the internet for your research, and much more!

The Nearby History program will have the following schedule. Mark your calendars for the sessions that interest you:

January 20, 7:00 pm: Getting Started – How do we structure a historical research project from scratch? What are the important questions to ask? How do we develop a strategy to answer them?

February 3, 7:00 pm: Local Resources – What resources do local library systems hold for the historical researcher? What public records are available and where are they? How can

you research old newspapers or town records?

February 17, 7:00 pm: Web Resources – How can you get started using the Internet to do history from scratch? What local resources are available on-line? How can you effectively use a search engine? Post a query? Search distant library holdings?

March 2, 7:00 pm: Oral History – What is oral history? What are the best uses of oral history evidence? When should you videotape? How can you get the best interviews? What are your legal and ethical responsibilities?

March 16, 7:00 pm: Family History – What is genealogy and what is family history? What resources are available locally for doing family history? How can you weave the pieces of available evidence into a biography or narrative?

March 30, 7:00 pm: Your Collections – What is in your collection? How can you live with and enjoy your collection, and preserve it, too? How can you best take care of the photographs, books and artifacts in your possession?

April 13, 7:00 pm: Neighborhood and Community History – How can you research houses and apartment buildings in Seattle

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**Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

#### Member Category: (check one)

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Yes, I want to order the Society's book, Queen Anne, Community on the Hill, for \$25 a copy. Enclosed is a check for \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ copies.

☐ I would like to become active in the Queen Anne Historical Society

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### In This Issue...

The January, 2000 Program looks at History on the Internet!

### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER BY KIM TURNER

Please enjoy the New Year; stay healthy and do consider becoming more actively involved in your neighborhood history.

We are co-sponsors with the Museum of History and Industry and the Queen Anne Branch of Seattle Public Library of a great series of 'how-to' programs on learning about the history of your neighborhood. The first meeting in the series is Thursday Jan. 20, the day after our own public meeting at McClure. The Nearby History meeting takes place at the Queen Anne Branch Library, 4th West and W. Garfield Sts. at 7 p.m.

The first session is on, of all things, how to get started! What a great way to start a New Year! Hope you will join us for both events.

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and King County? How can you "read" a building? How can you learn about your neighborhood – who lived there and what they did for a living? How about the park down the street? The school? The business on the corner?

April 27, 7:00 pm: What Next? – How will our Nearby History research projects continue to grow? What local and personal history organizations exist in Seattle and King County?

The above description of the Nearby History Program is provided in hopes that it will excite you to consider starting, renewing or continuing a favorite historical topic you have thought about in the past. Join with others who have similar interests and share your enthusiasms and problems. As the Seahawks say,

*"It's Now Time"*

We hope to see you at the Queen Anne Library on Thursday, Jan. 20.

**Interested in becoming more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?  
Join the Board of Trustees! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for more details  
about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.**